

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, at line 3, insert the following new paragraph.

This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/696,000, filed October 26,

2000, Pat. No. 6,943,927.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 21 and ending at page 2, line 13 as follows.

The paragraph at page 1, lines 17-27 has been amended as follows.

*amended* → In the optical scanning apparatus such as the laser beam printers, the digital copiers, etc. heretofore, the image information was recorded in such a manner that the light optically modulated according to an image signal and outputted from the light source means was periodically deflected by the deflecting means, for example consisting of means which consisted of, for example, a polygon mirror, and was converged in a spot shape on a surface of a photosensitive recording medium by the scanning optical means with the fθ characteristics to optically scan the surface.

The paragraph starting at page 2, line 25, and ending at page 3, line 11, has been amended as follows.

*amended* → For compactifying To make the apparatus from the optical deflector 95 to the surface to be scanned 97 herein more compact, it is necessary to effect good correction for optical performance of the fθ lens 96 throughout wide angles of view. For example, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 7-113950 discloses an example of correction for curvature of field (image positions) in the sub-scanning direction and at wide angles of view by provision of only